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“ALWAYS BE READY!”

Michael W. McLemore

When Peter wrote to the recipients of his first epistle he admonished them to prepare themselves to “Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,” *1 Peter 3:14-15*. By this he means that disciples of Christ are to be prepared to tell why we believe what we believe. The basic text placed every child of God under this demand.

“Always being prepared” mandates both preparation and willingness. Such requires the requisite knowledge of our subject that is only gained in this age through diligent investigation of His inspired word. Honing one’s ability to communicate is also required. Many are happy to offer an excuse — “I don’t speak well.” Learning to retell what is written requires little in the area of communicative prowess but knowledge of the scriptures. Peter stormed the will of every reader with the unrestricted and unqualified charge

— “Always be ready!” All persons at all times in all circumstances are entitled to hear God’s defense for our eternal hope in Christ.

God’s revelation makes a powerful demand of His people. The burden begs for both our absolute conviction as to its veracity and our complete submission to its requirements. An unwavering confidence and trust in its promises will motivate every believer to brim with hope and with the desire for all to know its reason.

As God’s people we must prepare ourselves because the Devil is a formidable foe. He opposes Christ’s defense because of the morality of its demands. God’s word shines the light of truth on the sins of darkness and reveals their futility. He opposes our shared defense with Jesus because of the infallibility of its teaching. It is beyond dispute. He vehemently opposes the sufficiency of God’s divine institutions — the home, government and the church. Above all Satan spews hatred for the thing in which we trust — the reliability of its promises. “Always be ready!” □

Doing Odd Things To Get EVEN!

Steve Klein

Have you ever heard of someone cutting off their nose to spite their face? In an effort to get back at others, or teach somebody a lesson, people often wind up inflicting a lot of pain on themselves. In recent news, we’ve seen folks rioting and looting *in their own neighborhoods* to protest conditions *in their own neighborhoods*!

The ultimate example of the vindictive self-destroyer may be the suicide bomber. The bitterness and hatred that could lead a person to blow himself up just to harm those that (he thinks) have harmed him, reveals human vindictiveness for what it often is: vengeance gone stupid.

But most of us don’t have to look at the headlines to find examples of the bitter pill that the world ironically calls “sweet revenge.” If you’ve ever tried to take it, you probably already know how unfulfilling and damaging it can be.

Vengeance just does not belong to men; it belongs to God. “Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord,” *Romans 12:19*.

One of the means God uses to exact justice is civil government. God-ordained

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law enforcement “is God’s minister to you for good... an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil,” *Romans 13:4*. And any injustices in our “justice system” will be rectified when the Lord returns “in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,” *2 Thessalonians 1:8*.

There appear to be any number of reasons that God has not given individuals the right to avenge themselves. For one, we aren’t wise enough to determine who deserves to be punished. Nor are we very good at deciding the appropriate degree of punishment to be inflicted. This is especially true when we are personally involved in a situation. Our judgment is imperfect at best, and it is often clouded by self-serving prejudice. But another reason we haven’t been given the right to take vengeance for ourselves, and the main point of this article, is that our efforts to even a score are often so badly botched that they wind up hurting us more than anyone.

Truly, “Whoever digs a pit will fall into it, and he who rolls a stone will have it roll back on him,” *Proverbs 26:27*.

Let us give place to the wrath of God. The Scriptures promise, “He will repay my enemies for their evil,” *Psalms 54:5*. Let’s trust Him. □



FAMILY MATTERS

News and Notes of Interest to Weatherly Members



Directory Notes

Doyle & Janice Wray have made their desire to work and worship with us at Weatherly known. We are happy to welcome them home and look forward to working together in our common cause. Please note their address and contact information.

160 Galaxy Drive
Arab, Alabama 35016

Doyle's cell: (256) 293-6634
Janice's cell: (256) 293-0423

Becky Shaw has a new phone number. Please make note of that change. The online directory has been updated.

Becky's cell: (256) 801-5798

Family Updates

Prayers:

Phil Furlough has made strides since his outpatient medical procedure. He had a few days of discomfort but was back with us on Wednesday night. He even led the singing. We are thankful.

We are continuing to pray for **Janice Schrimsher's** sister, **Pat Hughes**, following the loss of her husband, **Glaman**. Sister Hughes, who lives in Horn Lake, Mississippi, is not health and has been hospitalized herself. Please keep this good family in your prayers.

Don Patton, LaNelle Patrick's brother, underwent heart by-pass surgery on Friday. He did well through the surgery and has a hopeful outlook going forward. **LaNelle & Dub** went to Little Rock for the surgery. Keep Don and his family in your prayers.

Leonard Downum remains in our daily prayers. Keep Leonard's wife, **DeeDee**, in your prayers also!

Wes Caudle's mother, **Louise Caudle**, continues odyssey against cancer. He had her next to last treatment Thursday. Prayers please!

Ciera Elledge continues to do well. Keep her in your prayers. The family appreciates every expression of concern.

Zoila Herring, Mechi Hunt's sister, remains in our daily prayers. Say her name to the Lord.

Pray for these. Each has their own particular health challenge. — **Peggy Monroe, Bill McCord, Jim Risner, Lane Roberts, Glenda Cavender, Edith Turner, Melvin Godette, Maragern Harbin & Betty Dubose.**

This Week at Weatherly

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE class meets at 9:30. **Mike McLemore** will conclude his study titled "Maxims for Living" from Proverbs this Sunday. It's been a great study and uplifting to our family.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP follows at 10. **Mike** will also conclude his series titled, **Firm Foundations**. Today's lesson is **The Golden Thread** taken from **2 Timothy 3:16-17**.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP begins at 6. **Mike** will lead us in an informal devotional.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY begins at 7. **Mike** is continuing his verse by verse study of the book of **Second Thessalonians**. This class will go beyond the quarter to allow for ample time to address the letter. Please bear with us.

We hope to see every member present for every service this week. ☐

MARCH & APRIL BIRTHDAYS



MARCH 26, 2023

3-18	Susan Ivey	3-28	Adrienne West
4-2	Silvia Henderson	4-5	Carolynn Barr
4-6	Jerry Mitchell	4-13	Sherrie Stovall
4-18	Peggy Monroe	4-20	John Stokes

Mike & Peggy

Michael W. McLemore

Saying goodbye never comes easy. But, when you say goodbye to lifetime friends it's usually especially poignant and always painful. This is one of those times.

I suppose we have known for a while that Mike's declining health and the natural aging process would require change. And, we are especially thankful for a loving family, who are fulfilling



their role as caretakers of "their own household." But, how do you let a stalwart overseer of souls depart? How do you say farewell to the consummate hostess and lover of strangers? The truth is you can't with anything other than tears.

You can't say Weatherly without saying, "Mike & Peggy." The debt we owe him in his years of loving and caring service as an elder of this congregation will never be paid. Peggy's legacy of service will remain unrivaled and unparalleled. Any accomplishment or favored work for which the generations after them are noted will be so on the shoulders of these two faithful workers.

May I speak for all? "We love you, Mike & Peggy. You will forever remain in our hearts and will always be missed." ☐

WEEKLY WALK

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Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 am
Sunday AM Assembly 10:00 am
Sunday PM Assembly 6:00 pm
Wednesday Classes 7:00 pm

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Weatherly's Deacons

Phil Furlough **Steve Hagewood**
Kirk Hatcher **David Jacks**
Hill Roberts **Collis Terry**
Bobby Wright

Weatherly at Work

These are asked to assist in our labor.

Sunday, March 26th

Welcome: Will Starks
Song Leader: Hill Roberts
Opening Prayer: Tommy Hill
Lord's Table Lead: Marty Hunt
2 Timothy 3:16-17
Sermon: Mike McLemore
A Golden Thread
Closing Prayer: Will Starks

Sunday, April 2nd

Tommy Hill
Mel Ambrose
WD Patrick
Marty Hunt
Matthew 26:26-29
Mike McLemore
In Remembrance of Me
Ron Harmon

Evening Worship

Bible Skillz Mike McLemore
Songs Leader: David Jacks
Opening Prayer: Ed Dill
Closing Prayer: Wes Caudle

Evening Worship

Mike McLemore
Mel Ambrose
Alex Thompson
Kirk Hatcher

Wednesday, March 29th

Songs Leader: Mel Ambrose
Invitation: Mike McLemore
Closing Prayer: Philip Dill

Wednesday, April 5th

David Jacks
Mike McLemore
Will Starks

Quarterly Adult Classes

January – March 2023

AUDITORIUM SUNDAY

Maxims for Living
Mike McLemore

AUDITORIUM WEDNESDAY

1 & 2 Thessalonians
Mike McLemore

Serving in April

Serving on the Lord's Table AM & PM
**** Overseer**

**** Marty Hunt (4-2), Tommy Hill (4-9), Bill Thompson (4-16), Phil Furlough (4-23), Collis Terry (4-30)**

Communion Prep
Building Lockup

TBA

